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TAGS: CASC (WIDEMAN, BERNARD)

SUBJECT: WIDEMAN CASE

1. ON JUNE 21 IMMIGRATION COMMISSION DISMISSED CHARGES AGAINST WIDEMAN FINDING THAT "OPPOSITORS HAVE FAILED TO PRESENT SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE CHARGES AGAINST THE PETITIONER (WIDEMAN) TO WHOM HAS BEEN GRANTED THE RIGHT TO PURSUE HIS PROFESSION AS A LEGITIMATE NEWS CORRESPONDENT."

2. COMMISSION, HOWEVER, ENJOINED WIDEMAN TO "EXERCISE UTMOST PRUDENCE AND VIGILANCE," AND TO REMAIN "AN IMPARTIAL OBSERVER AND SPECTATOR, RATHER THAN A PARTICIPANT IN THE MAKING OF THE NEWS." COMMISSION'S DECISION CONCLUDES: "THE COMMISSION LEAVES IT TO THE SENSE OF PROFESSIONALISM OF THE PETITIONER TO DEMONSTRATE MORE VIGOROUSLY HENCEFORTH THAT IN THE HANDS OF A FAIR AND JUST INDIVIDUAL, THE AWESOME POWER OF THE PRESS CAN SERVE TO HEAL, RATHER THAN INFLICT INJURIES."

3. WIDEMAN TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 21 JUST PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF VERDICT THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO STAY. HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO HAVE DINNER THIS EVENING WITH MRS. MARCOS, ALONG WITH RODNEY TASKER OF FEER, TEDDY BENIGNO OF AFP AND PETER RICHARDS,
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FORMERLY OF REUTERS. PURPOSE OF DINNER NOT DISCLOSED.

4. WIDEMAN WAS INTERVIEWED BY VOICE OF PHILIPPINES (RADIO) AFTER VERDICT ANNOUNCED. HE WELCOMED DECISION WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS "CAREFULLY WORDED DOCUMENT" AND IN GENERAL FOUND IT ENCOURAGING IN TERMS OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. EARLIER AT HEARING WIDEMAN HAD SPECIFICALLY RAISED

CREDENTIALS QUESTIONS AND COMMISSIONER REYES HAD INDICATED
HE WOULD INFORM OTHERS IN GOVERNMENT INDICATING CREDENTIALS
WOULD BE RESTORED.

5. TEXT OF DECISION BEING POUCHED EA/PHL.

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